

**LANCASTER MPO
TRANSPORTATION IMPLEMENTATION AND ENGAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE (TIES)
MINUTES**

DATE: March 3, 2022
TIME: 1:30 P.M.
PLACE: 150 N. Queen St., Conference Room 102, Lancaster, PA 17603

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ray D’Agostino	Lancaster County Commissioner
Bonnie Glover (virtual)	South Central Transit Authority Board Member
Ralph Hutchison	Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC)
Leo Lutz	Mayor of Columbia Borough
Rebecca Denlinger (virtual)	Elizabethtown Borough Manager
Tom Kifolo	Rohrer’s Quarry
Cindy McCormick	Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC)
John Yoder (virtual)	West Donegal Township Manager
Mark Hansen	At-Large

GUESTS:

Jeff Glisson	South Central Transit Authority
Lauri Ahlskog	South Central Transit Authority
Dave Hogle	Rettew
Representative Mindy Fee	PA House of Representatives, 37 th District
David Burkholder (virtual)	Concerned Citizen
Amanda Hickman (virtual)	West Lampeter Township
Carolyn Hildebrand	West Cocalico Township
Tom Showalter	West Cocalico Township
William Sauers (virtual)	Manheim Township
Szilvia Troutman (virtual)	Eden Township
Cindy Schweitzer (virtual)	East Hempfield Township Manager
Nathan Walker (virtual)	PennDOT District 8-0
717-569-6406 Lisa Douglas (?) (virtual)	Manheim Township
717-786-7915 (virtual)	Eden Township
Mark Hiester (virtual)	Penn Township
Scott Bechard (virtual)	Dawood Engineering
Tom Lisi (virtual)	LNP
Alexandra Jahnle (virtual)	Kittleson & Associates

STAFF:

Scott Standish	Executive Director
Will Clark	Director for Land Use and Transportation
Kristiana Barr	Senior Land Use and Transportation Planner
Faith Gaddie (virtual)	Senior Administrative Secretary
Mark Huber	Senior Land Use and Transportation Planner
Gary Jones	Land Use and Transportation Planner

Order of Business:

1. **Call to Order** – Commissioner D’Agostino called the meeting to order at 1:32 pm.

2. **LCPD Executive Director Update** – Mr. Standish welcomed Mr. Clark as the new Director for Land Use and Transportation. He noted that Senior Planner Lauri Ahlskog had resigned and taken a position with South Central Transit Authority (SCTA). He said that the open position would be advertised soon.
3. **Minutes of the February 3, 2022 Meeting (Action)** – Mr. Kifolo moved to approve the minutes as written and Mr. Hansen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
4. **Draft *connects2040* Implementation Program (Action)** – Ms. Barr reported that the committee had been asked to review the draft at the February meeting. She said that she had received feedback from Mr. Glisson, Mr. Hoglund and Mr. Kifolo. She thanked them for their feedback and outlined the proposed changes.

Mr. Kifolo expressed concern with the weights in the project scoring matrix. He suggested that #3 (Enhances or preserves the environmental, natural, historic, and cultural integrity of Lancaster County through context-sensitive design that is “right-sized” to regional or community needs.), #4 (Implements a directly recommended project, or a project that furthers a goal, objective, or strategy from a countywide, multi-municipal, or municipal land use and transportation study or plan.), and #5 (Encourages public-private partnerships to extend the reach of public dollars and leverage private development opportunities in County-designated growth areas.) be revised from 25/10/10 to 15/15/15. After further discussion among committee members on reasoning and merits of weights of the three criteria, Commissioner D’Agostino proposed a compromise of 20/15/10.

Mr. Hansen asked why the timeline specified virtual interviews with applicants. Ms. Barr responded that virtual interviews could be recorded in case reviewers had questions during the scoring process or were unable to attend.

Commissioner D’Agostino, after noting that the program is unique to Lancaster County, called for the motion that *TIES recommends the connects2040 Implementation Program guidelines and timeline, as modified at the March 3, 2022 TIES meeting.* Ms. Denlinger made the motion and Mr. Kifolo seconded it. The motion carried unanimously.

5. **Draft 2023 TIP additional information** – Mr. Clark reviewed additional draft TIP information, including an overview of candidate projects and the safety program process, which Mr. Walker outlined in greater detail. Committee member had a discussion on the project selection process and details of the proposed highway safety patrol program. Mr. Walker suggested that Matt Clouser from PennDOT present on the highway safety patrol program at the April meeting.
 - a. **Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) process**
 - b. **Highway safety patrol**
 - c. **Bridges**
 - d. **User-friendly draft 2023 TIP**

6. Summary of 1/6 Discussion on TIP tool criteria – Mr. Clark reported that he is working with Glenn Mohler from the County GIS staff to understand the tool and data layers for the criteria. He noted that the TIP tool will be on future agendas.

7. Local Project Delivery Update

a. January 2022 Progress Report – Mr. Hoglund reviewed the status of several projects from the January 2022 progress report.

8. Other Business & Public Participation – Commissioner D’Agostino asked for other business.

Mr. Hutchison mentioned the AmeriStarRail presentation at the February 28, 2022 MPO meeting. Commissioner D’Agostino replied that staff will bring information to the April meeting. He clarified that AmeriStarRail is a commercial passenger rail project. Mr. Clark confirmed that staff will send out the presentation. He noted that the MPO is not allowed to solicit the federal government, but that interested individuals may solicit if desired.

Mr. Hoglund asked whether PennDOT is awaiting guidance on new funding sources. Mr. Walker replied that they are not awaiting guidance that would impact the TIP from being adopted, but they are awaiting guidance on a new bridge funding type. Mr. Walker also reviewed PennDOT’s Roadway Evaluation and Planning System (REPS) tool. Mr. Hutchison asked how old the data is. Mr. Walker replied that current maps use two-year-old data, but that last year’s data will be available March or April and will be updated.

9. Next Meeting: April 7, 2022 @ 1:30pm

10. Adjournment – Chairman D’Agostino adjourned the meeting at 2:36pm. Moved by Mr. Hutchison; seconded by Mr. Hansen.